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SUBJECT: INDO-US SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL SUBCOMMISSION
(S AND T SUBCOM)

1. FOLLOWING REPRESENTS DEPARTMENT'S CURRENT THINKING
ON S AND T SUBCOM UNDER PROPOSED INDO-US JOINT COMMISSION.
EMBASSY'S COMMENTS ARE REQUESTED SOONEST. SINCE WE HAVE
NOT RPT NOT CLEARED THESE IDEAS OUTSIDE DEPARTMENT,
PARTICULARLY NAMES/RANKS OF POSSIBLE MEMBERS, YOU SHOULD
NOT DISCUSS THEM WITH INDIANS.

2. MEMBERSHIP: WE WOULD WANT TO KEEP OUR SIDE SMALL --
PERHAPS FOUR TO SIX MEMBERS. US TEAM WOULD BE HEADED
BY EITHER ASSISTANT OR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECSTATE FOR
OCEAN, ENVIRONMENT AND SCIENCE (NEW DESIGNATION FOR
SCI) AND WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY INCLUDE SENIOR NATIONAL
SCIENCE FOUNDATION REP (PERHAPS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR
NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS). PRIVATE SECTOR
SHOULD INCLUDE SENIOR REP OF NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE
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(PERHAPS THE FOREIGN SECRETARY) AND/OR A DISTINGUISHED

SCIENTIST WITH INDIAN INTEREST (SUCH AS ROGER REVELLE)
PLUS A DISTINGUISHED INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIST (SUCH AS
LOUIS BRANSCOM OF IBM). FOR BUREAUCRATIC REASONS, ONE
OR MORE ADDITIONAL USG AGENCIES MIGHT HAVE TO BE ADDED
TO OUR LIST. ON THE INDIAN SIDE, WE WOULD NOT RPT NOT
EXPECT SYMMETRY IN NUMBER, RANK, OR AGENCY REPRESENTATION,

BUT WE WOULD HOPE THEY COULD KEEP MEMBERSHIP TO NO
MORE THAN, SAY, TEN.

3. MEETINGS. AS ENVISAGED BY US FOR OTHER SUBCOMS,
S AND T SUBCOM WOULD MEET ONCE A YEAR, ALTERNATELY
IN INDIA AND US, WITH PROVISION FOR MUTUALLY-
AGREED EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS. EXPENSES FOR MEETINGS
WOULD BE COVERED BY PROPOSED ARTICLE 6 OF UMBRELLA
AGREEMENT. S AND T SUBCOM WOULD NOT HAVE ANY FUNDS
FOR PERMANENT STAFF.

4. FUNCTIONS. GENERAL TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR S AND T
SUBCOM GIVEN BY PROPOSED ARTICLE 2 OF UMBRELLA AGREEMENT.
WE WOULD WANT IT CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD FROM START THAT
S AND T SUBCOM WOULD BE ADVISORY BODY TO TWO GOVERN-

MENTS AND WOULD NOT HAVE ANY SEPARATE PROGRAM OR BUDGET
TO ADMINISTER. WE ARE CONTINUING TO REVIEW POSSIBLE
AREAS OF COOPERATION WITH ANANDAKRISHNAN (REF STATE
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